

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending and under consideration and have been indicated as allowed by the Examiner.

With respect to the Examiner's objection to the drawings as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims, attached is a replacement drawing sheet including changes to Fig. 6 of the drawings. More specifically, the graph of Fig. 6 has been amended to label the two side edge portions corresponding to the emission face. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner states that the feature "a covering density of said light scattering elements on the emission face decreases along the first direction according to a distance from each of the two substantially parallel edges" is not shown in the drawings. However, it is respectfully submitted that Fig. 6 of the drawings clearly illustrates this feature. Imaginary lines X1-X1 and X2-X2 in Fig. 6, which correspond to lines taken at a position represented by points X1 and X2 in Fig. 4 of the drawings, clearly show this feature. More specifically, as lines X1-X1 and X2-X2 move away from each of the edges of the emission face, the covering rate decreases toward the central portion. This is further supported by the specification, which states "covering rate is set on imaginary lines X1-X1 and X2-X2 which are parallel to the incidence end face 2A" and "pitch P is corrected with reference to a direction parallel to the to the incidence end face 2A according to covering rate variation depicted in Fig. 6" and "this correction increases covering rate around **side edge portions** where brightness might tend to be insufficient" (see specification, page 10, lines 5-13).

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of the drawing objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

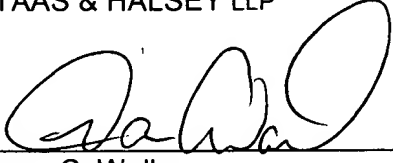
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Respectfully submitted,

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